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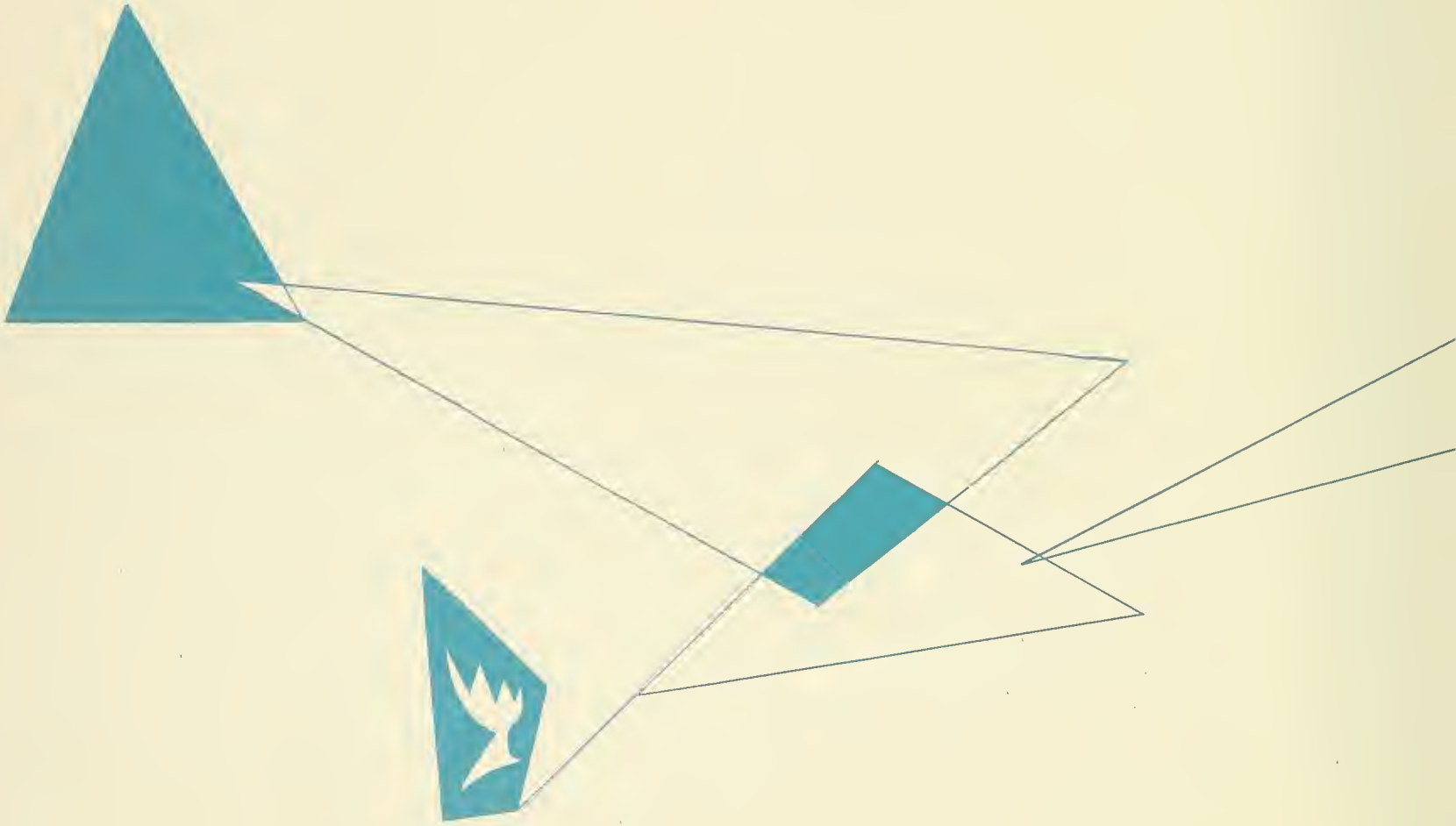

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DEDICATION

HERITAGE *has been the main force in these first years of our lives. We have lived in its way and appreciate its beauty. Coming years will be spent continuing the pattern of this Heritage; our book is therefore dedicated to it.*

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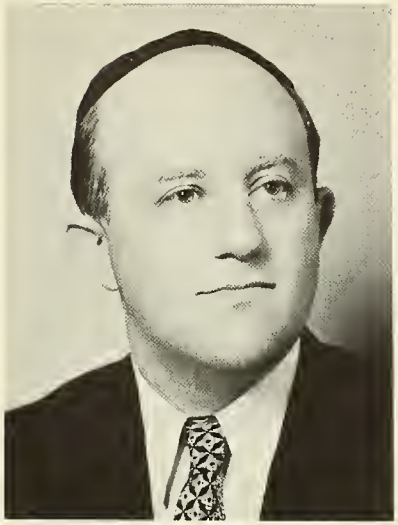

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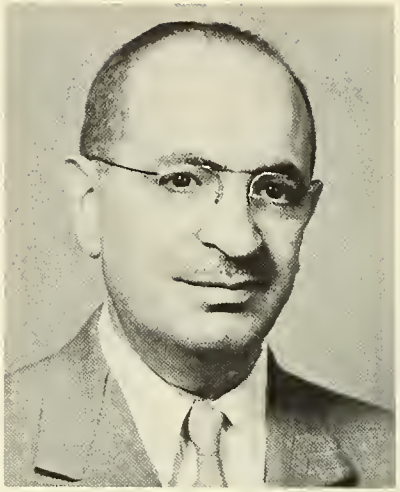

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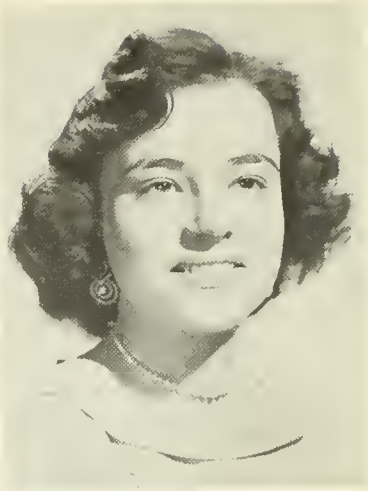

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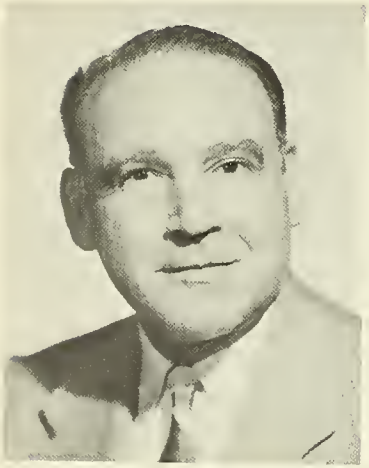

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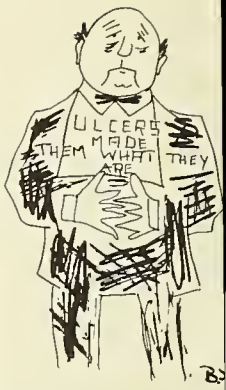
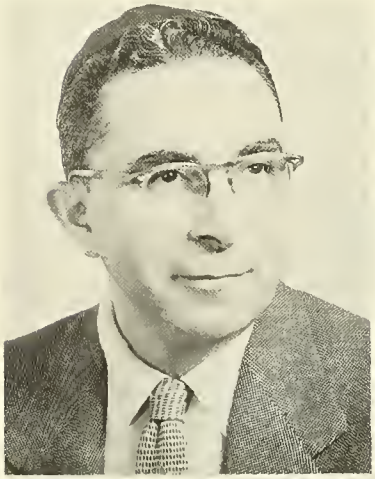


We get them too!

Mr. Milton Spin, *Mathematics*



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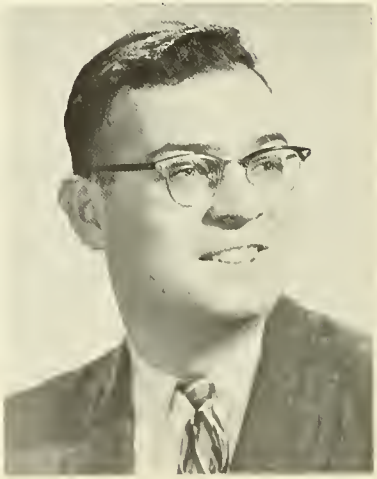

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Miss Pearl Dodek, *Secretary*

Mr. John Santiago, *Custodian*

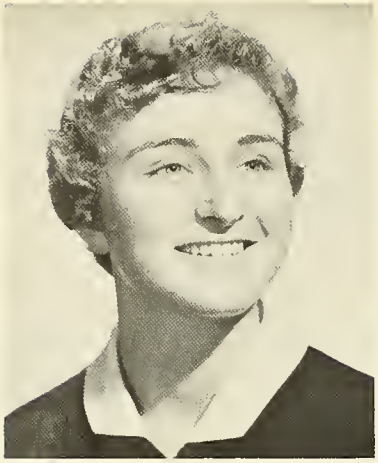
GRADUATES

instilled with an eternal flow of undying spirit, stand determined to enlarge the fountain of our Heritage.

FLORENCE RENEE APPLEBAUM

A slick chick, this gal — blue eyes, blonde hair and a sweet smile give her plenty of oomph! Applesauce or applejack is sure to pull a high grade in English.

ממרחק תביא לחמה



HELEN AUERBACH

America's loss, Israel's gain — Leave it to Helen to be the best tractor driver in kibbutz. The ability that made the Spark a Flame, will assure her success.

אכר מעט ועשה הרבה

DOLLY BENEDICT

Dolly competes with Rabbi Perlman for the phone monopoly. Ambitious to be a writer, she'll pursue her studies at business school—Smells of monkey business!

מתקשטת וחן לה

I think I left a hand behind

BARBARA BARUCH

B.B. never knew where her answers went but had Hoffman happy by memorizing Malbim backwards. Her talking abilities served in debating, her personality will serve her in all she does.

ברוך אומר ועושה

MIRIAM BRANDWEIN

Miriam's subway suffering didn't affect her as she survived four years to be a 'super' Senior. Why does Mr. Weinstein pick on her?

נקי כפים ובר לבב

WHOOPS!

ANITA BROWN

Brown's Bronx-Brooklyn helicopter service will soon be installed for Anita's benefit. Commuter through rain and shine, she always brought her own special shine to school life.

רואגת לאחרים — וה' ידאג לה

FAITH CHERNOFF

Psychologists say math and art can't be found in one brain — Faith proves them wrong. Book-borrower Chernoff leaves Wyatt Earp for Arrowsmith anytime.

...יאמונה בלבה

BARBARA COHEN

One of the Three Musketeers was this apple of Lilker's eye. Always poring over pictures, our photography editor's pretty as a picture herself.

כרכה היא לכל רואיה

Who forgot to pay the electric bill?

EDITH S. DAMESEK

Vive Lafayette for sending us this lovely miss. Rembrandt has nothing over our artist. Helpful and original, Edie's a leader in any project undertaken, especially sing.

אחיכמך ואחיעזר לחברותיה

NAOMI DANZGER

Philosopher Naomi is still figuring Central's philosophy. Meanwhile, she reads avidly and increases her knowledge. It sparkles when she passes by.

חכמים יצפנו דעת...

MIRIAM D. EICHENSTEIN

5 feet 1 inch of action, Mimi's field is debating. If it's got ears, she talks. David went a long way for this wonderful girl and we know it's worth it.

ימין ה' עושה חיל

JUDY EISELMAN

Go to the lunchroom and always find Judy working on Sten. With her piano lessons, Judy will soon be taking notes on pianos, not pads. She's our choice for Secretary of the Year.

שמח תשמח רעים האהובים

RICKI FEINERMAN

Ricki always looked cheerful even when the Dodgers weren't in first place. We learned of camisadoes, camaradoes, and come-Winsokios from our original "Cheer."

ליועצי שלום — שמחה

SYLVIA FELDMAN

Sylvia's catchy sketches keep her awake during some of our more stimulating courses. Art editor and notebook scribbler, she's practicing for future greatness.

קטנה היא — וגדולות מעלותיה

NAOMI D. FELMAN

One of Albert Einstein's talmidim is this rare specimen. A gay personality adds sparkle to Arista meetings. Let the colleges fight it out for this prize.

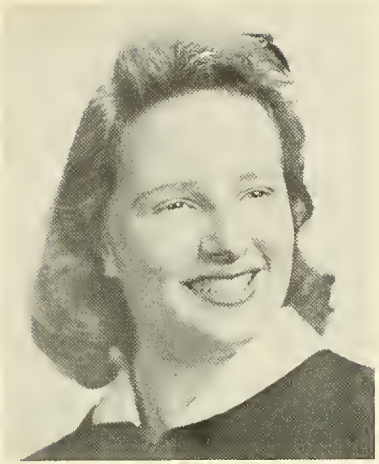
נעמי שם חכמה זו — ונעימות הליכותיה

ANITA FRANK

It's great to have a doctor in the house — Yay, Winsoki for this bonnie lassie. Hurry for your appointments boys, you have stiff competition.

שחורה ונאוה — נחמדה וטובת לב

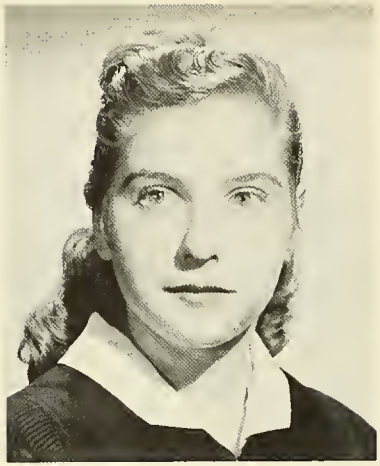
Don't study too hard . . .



LEAH BELLE FRANKEL

Leah's an ardent Republican — she likes Ike. We wish the photography editor's flaming red hair could show up in the pictures along with her heart of gold.

טוב עין הוא יבורך



DINA FRIEDMAN

Related to half the teachers through Avrohom, the rest through Adam, Dina's a generous worker. Mr. Lilker's left eye rests Fridays when our class baalahosta stays home.

היתה כאניות סוחר

JUDITH VERONICA FRIEDMAN

Most of us looked drazzled, but Judy dazzled — even at 5 o'clock bell. Level-headed, Central's problems never got her down and she'll surely come out on top.

מצאה שמחה — מצאה אושר

BARBARA JANE GARTENBERG

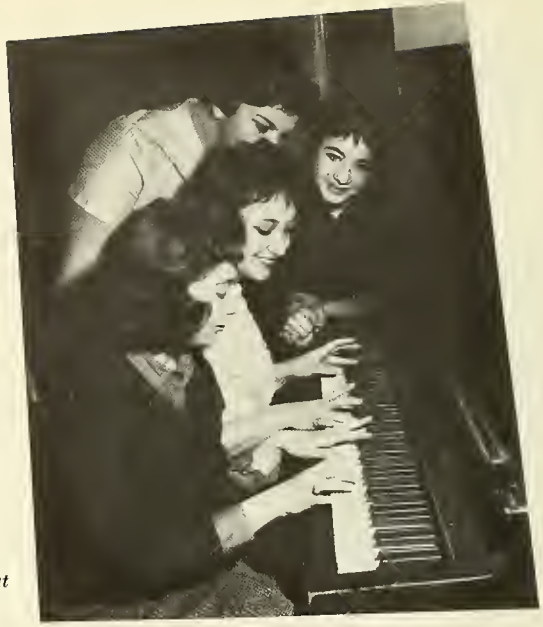
One of Central's top students is Miss Barbara Jane. She's a most yichusdik girl —the niece of the owner of the Pioneer Country Club — Lucky girl!

לא יכבה בלילה נרה

ROSALIND S. GELLIS

R-r-r Rozzie, the only one for President, is graced with charm and intelligence, as well as Yiiras Shamayim. Her sincerity makes her a hit to all.

וכל חפציך לא ישוו בה



Every second key flat

ISADORA DEBBY GELMAN

"Issy" is the typical secretary and happy is her lucky boss. Her MELodious voice would be perfect every time she answered the phone.

לב שמח — ייטיב פנים

SARA GOLOMBECK

Liberace has stiff competition in Sara. Good at figures — no wonder she has a good one of her own. No matter the pronunciation, this Golombeck's great.

הוד והדר לבושה

FLORENCE GREENWALD

Florence was quiet at times but made up for them by cracking classes — as in a Ravetch play when the food flew. Greenwald's just good.

העוסקים בצרכי צבור — ה׳ ישלם שכרם

every other key flat

LORRAINE GROSS

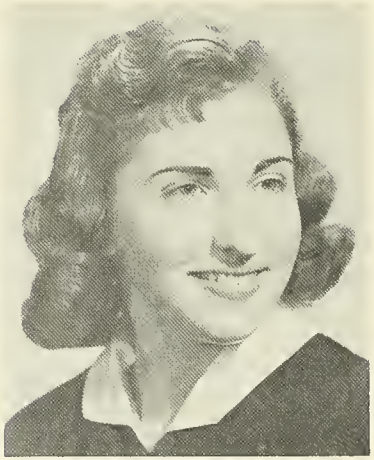
Peaches and cream complexion, sincerity, warmth, sunny smile — Put them together and you've got Gross. Laie or Lorraine she's a love of a Girl.

אשרי תמימי דרך

JUDY GROSSMAN

Judy, a Newark Nomad, travelled throughout four years. This was a piece of luck, for we no longer had to buy Mademoiselle — our lovely Judy epitomized it.

זקופה קומתה וישרים דרכיה



SUSAN A. GROSSMAN

Sue's afflicted with the trouble of the world. Normal typewriters type lines; hers practice hurdles. A wonderful girl, she'll hurdle any obstacles easily.

ספרא רבא...

ADINA HALPERN

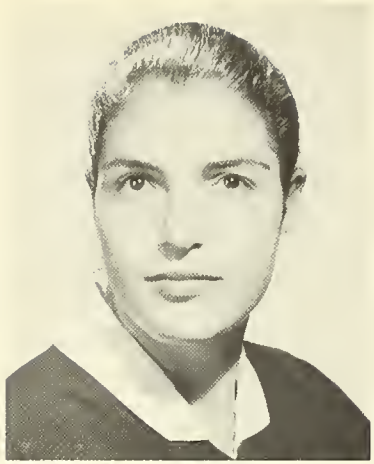
Which twin was Adina? We found out and found a terrific girl. Ilana!—oops! Adina! Mr. Lilker met his match and almost capitulated.

עליה אין להוסיף וממינה אין לגרוע

BARBARA HENNIE HALPERN

Doodler and droodler, comedienne too, Barbara's never bored — she'll tell herself a private joke. She who laughs last and longest is Barbara.

מרבה צדקה מרבה שלום



ILANA HALPERN

Mountain-climbing Central's seats reminded Ilana of her Alpine excursions. That's why she chose Central — and we're glad she did!

כשושנה בין החוחים

SYLVIA HEISLER

Sylvia was a member of the Invincible Inseparables of Boro Park. We did get to know her anyway and found a sweet and lovely girl.

ושפל רוח יתמך כבוד

SHEILA HIRTH

Here a hand, there an ear, half a right eye — Sheila's forever dashing. During her four year sprint we've managed to find a simply wonderful girl.

לבה ונבשה — במזרח

every key flat

HAVA EVALYN HOENIG

No one knew whether to call her Miss Hoenig, Havie, Chavie or just Hava. By any name, she's a sweet likeable girl. Quick to laugh, we could always count on her.

איזהו עשיר — השמח בחלקו

ESTHER B. HOROWITZ

A flash of lightning, a clap of thunder — here's Esther. This vivacious personality laughs away all YUHS cares. Rah, rah to the matzoh queen.

ותהי אסתר נושאת חן בעיני כל רואיה

JUDY ISSAC

A Last Row Laugher and Any Row Laugher, Judy's our cheerful miss. Funny, brilliant, radiant, exuberant and stupendous. . . . Judy didn't write this one.

ולישרי לב — שמחה

Od Yishoma

CHARLOTTE KANTROWITZ

Kantorovorovovitz can't help it — her remarks are remarkable! Funny, sincere, original, she has her own very charming Charlotte charm.

...יעליזה היא

ROCHELLE KAPLAN

Central's textile factory runs for Rochelle. She's our artist, designer and creator of yamelkas. Place orders now, but Bnei-Akivanicks comes first.

לתורה, לעבודה, לקבוץ ולהגשמה

somebody goofed!

ANNETTE CHERIE KARLIN

One of our first knit-wits, Annette was usually trailing the wool behind her. Blessed with wits in every other sense — Karlin's a card of a gal!

תכתב בספר חיים, ברכה ושלום

MIRIAM S. KOENIGSBERG

B'nei Akivarian and Steif's dikdukarian is our Koenigsberg. Serious about her studies, Miriam Shulamith still managed to laugh her way into all our hearts.

ראשית חכמה יראת ה'

MIRIAM LAMM

Sugar 'n spice and everything nice make Sheepshead Bay's contribution to the melting pot. A long pony-tail tops a high I.Q. — sure success.

לא מצאתי לגוף טוב משתיקה

LeChaim, teachers!

CLAIRE LANGNER

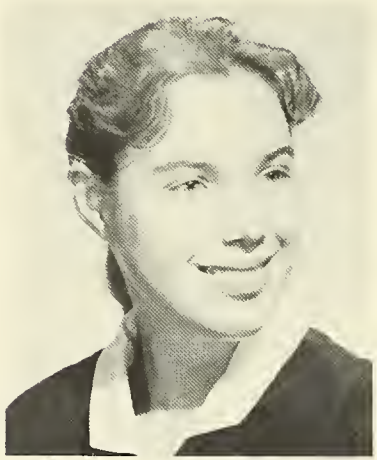
Lucky future generation, Claire wants to be a teacher. Our Vice-President's pet saying — natch! Our pet saying — she's a natch catch!

מאת ה' היתה זאת

JUDI MARSHA LANDO

Judi puzzled through the Times, stopping only to see what Daley said about the Dodgers. Cheerful at all times she was happiest in History! Miss America plus is our lovely Lando.

עבדו את ה' בשמחה



LINDA LIEBERMAN

Linda delighted Mr. Annenberg having more than an inkling of what Chem was all about. A warm laugh and personality to match makes Linda tops.

מתת אלקים היא

LILIAN LIEZER

A quiet sincerity typified our "say little, do much" gal. Inclined to say only what she means, we mean what we say. She's a love, a Lilian.

ותמימים ינחלו טוב

SHOSHANA LIKER

A sabra's hard outside, soft inside; ours is sweet all the way through. Shoshana learned Latin before English — and did a good job on both.

איזהו חכם — הלומד מכל אָדם

RONNIE LIPPMAN

No ben-oculars necessary to see Ronnie has what it takes. An I.Q. in the twenty thousands topped by fiery red hair points to a red hot future.

את הכל עושה יפה ובעתו

HADASSA LUSTIG

When you hear of a B'nei-Akiva, dancing, Nahvi-knowing, typing editor for Aretz, know it's Hadassa. She joined in Junior year and became a fine member.

אך חן וחסד ירדפוך כל ימי חייך

RUTH LEAH MATHEWS

Ruthie, Bay Shore representative, joined a year late — probably missed a train. Her sweet smile helped in a rapid conquest of "Alexander the Great."

אין לך דבר העומד בפני הרצון

Doubly-bubbly

PAULA SUSAN NEWMAN

Paula peers intently at her notebooks — she accidentally finds the latest novels there and reads raptly through Eco. A wonderful girl, she'll break the bank.

תורת חסד על לשונה

SANDY JOY POLONSKY

Sandy owns the distinction of the smallest pony-tail in Central's history. Also phenomenal, our Athletic Manager was both on her toes and on her knees at games, all the time.

זקוקין די־נור

SHERRELL BEVERLY REISMAN

Sherry is star member of all Central actress and Gemilas Chesed guilds. Capability is her byword as the library shows. She's really one for the books.

והנה נערה אשר כל בה

RACHELLE M. REMLAND

Rachelle was bitten by a telephone bug and became a one-girl Mizrachi phone service. With her abilities, this gal's sure to go far.

וישחה לפי מעשיה

PHYLLIS LIFSI RESNIKOFF

Against a Berenholz Background comes a z-z-z; Phyllis is relaxing. She's as intelligent as Einstein, original as Fath, lovable as Phyllis.

פה מפיק מרגליות

Preparing

ADELLE ROKEACH

No, this Rokeach doesn't stuff fish but did stuff notebooks as G.O. Sec'y. Her smile and pony-tail made her famous; her personality makes her likeable.

והיתה לנו לכבוד

SHULIE ROSENBAUM

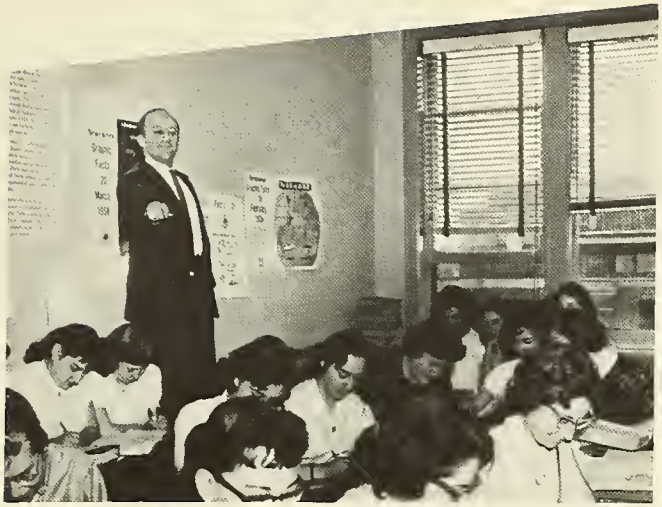
The U.N. better watch its language when Shulie interprets. Our cheerer, twirler, and charity-drive collector could even coax a smile out of Molotov.

צדק לפניה יהלך

NORMA ROSENMAN

Senior Breakfast or Weekend, Charity Drive or Sing, Norma's talent always made the affair. Loved as head of half our activities, she'll always be on top.

כשמה כן היא — נחמה



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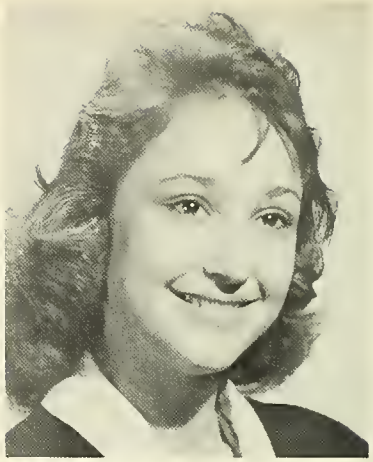


ANITA JOYCE RUBIN

Mr. Hoffman's darling has displayed her ability in many fields. The poetic soul plus her charm and good looks make an appealing combination.

דברים היוצאים מן הלב נכנסים אל הלב

REBECCA SCHOEN

Becky, artist, dancer and yarmulka maker supreme was a Last Row Laughter. Israel doesn't have climate worries, Becky and her sunny personality will be there.

פתחו לי שערי צדק

GAIL LOUISE SCHRANK

Our Borough Park Beauty even supplied answers while sitting on the floor — looking for a pen of course! She's as good as her name — Golda.

ותמצא חן בעיני אלקים ואדם

LILLIAN SCHORR

To be sure, it's Schorr. Everyone gather round — she has the money. Central's treasury is fortunate to have such a charming picture on its dollar.

יקרה היא מפנינים

TOBY SCHWITZER

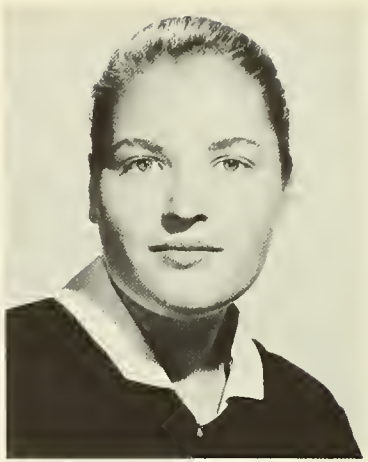
One captivating smile plus one sunny personality = Toby. A bookroom bug, she kept it going efficiently. This gal has a WILL of her own.

רבים יהיו דורשי שלומך

RHODA SEIF

Rhoda's big green eyes and convincing arguments charmed many a teacher into foregoing many a quiz. Loyalty's her byword to friends; sincerity's our byword to her.

לציין שאפה רוחה ונפשה



BERNICE JAY SHAPIRO

Our Massad Marvel introduced us to college formals. She knew Hebrew words for everything from pepper to tomatoes and will probably say "kain" soon.

כי קולך ערב ומראך נאוה

SYLVIA SHARFF

Always look for Shifra in the center of a haysa hora. This pint-sized package explodes in Israeli song and dance. Shifra doesn't walk, she debkas down stairs.

גר קטן המאיר עולם

Posing

BEVERLY JOAN SHEVLIN

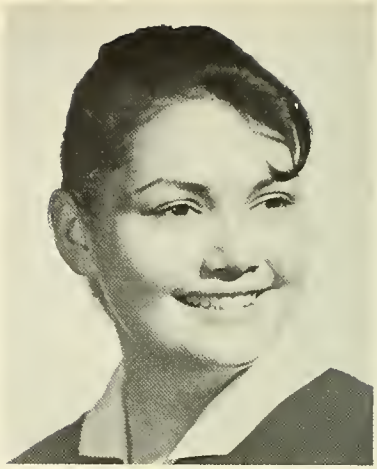
Knitter for Ravetch, Roz and Co., Paper-Taker Inc. we'll always he fans of Fisher's First Fan. Bev kept us in stitches at all times.

בקשה צמר ופשתים

SHEILA SIEGEL

She'd walk miles for a Stan-dish. Her glib tongue and witty personality cause peals of laughter. Mazel tov to our first kalah.

שתי עינים ומלאות אהבה



ARLENE G. SILVER

Arlene gave the Jewish Museum the only wedding mural with a spirogyra as guest. Effervescent describes her personality; vivacious describes Arlene.

טוב ארך אַפים מגבור

Now you know how a mirror feels . . . .

BASYA SILVER

Teachers confused her with Lila and Arlene, but we could tell Basya by her "light" Harrisburg accent. A quick laugh, keen insight, make Bas a welcome sight.

פי צדיק יהגה שמחה

RICKY SMITH

Ricky has made a name for herself by expert imitations of our grand professorial crew. She's indispensable, making half the fun.

טוב מעט בצדקה

It's not worth it!

LILA SILVER

Lila is forever in quest of missing books, glasses, and rubber bands for falling knee-socks. This dynamic personality not only talks but listens — and raises riots either way.

אזן מקשיבה ולב מדגיש

GOLDIE STERN

Goldie livened up our Junior Variety Night with her wonderful dancing. She's a happy-go-lucky, lively, and personable kid. Goldie's always on her toes.

שכל טוב יתן חן

RUTH STILLMAN

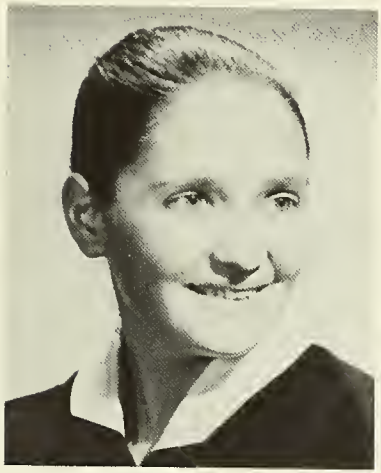
Ruthie predicted middy blouse style with her "Captain's Mate" costume in Ravetch's class. Ruthie's always in style with sincerity and honest character as part of her particular fashion.

אוהבת שלום ורודפת שלום

MARTHA TANNENBAUM

"Munsie" is a combination of liveliness, humor, and a large dash of Hebrew dancing. An appealing combination we'd say, as proven by her popularity.

רחמנא לבא בעי



DVORA TAUBE

Dvora quickly went from her first word, which we won't mention, to an amazing vocabulary. We've got two words for Dvora and they are, Delicious and Delightful.

לך אל דבורה עצל — למד דרכיה וחכם

RUTH ELLEN TAUBENBLATT

A book a day makes the nineties stay. Lilker's pet peeve knew more about Lincoln than he. Ruthie's smile gives only a glimpse of an open heart underneath.

יפה תלמוד תורה עם דרך ארץ

SHIFRAH TEIGMAN

Hail to Yeshiva of Central Queens for our prize puzzler. Always matching word for word here's a word to match her — fantabulous!

דעת ה' קנתה

HELEN B. VOEHL

When in need of sympathy and understanding we all know to head for Helen. The fact that she's still smiling after four years is proof of her constant cheer.

הוי מקבל את כל האָדם בסבר פנים יפות

RIVKAH TEITZ

Jack of all trades—master of all. Rivkah has the distinction of being among the few who have won the hearts of teachers and students alike. In athletics, debating, in general — great, humble, wonderful.

בעיניה ניצוצי החכמה ובת צחוק על פניה

MIRIAM WACHTFOGEL

Miriam brought some of the air of the City of Brotherly Love to Central. Sincerity and friendliness are among her attributes.

יפה בשקט עושה מעשיה

EUDICE WEILGUS

This Weilgus cooked Lilker's goose by answering his sweeter remarks. Eudice came out on top here, and will anywhere with her sprightly personality.

הבה נצא במחול

Temptation!

SUSAN WEISEL

Susan's a combination of a top twirler and a pleasing personality. She's our choice for one of Forest Hill's fabulousest.

נפש עמל עמלה לו

JOAN WEISHAUT

With will-power and watercress this Weishaut's weight went down. Now she's good at figures in every sense of the word.

תן לחכם — ויחכם עוד

SUE WEISHAUT

How the other Half Lives; in class-made and house-made crew-necks and pixie bangs. Despite Mr. Lilker's persecution, Sue excelled in History.

עשה צדקה ומשפט... נבחר לה' מזבח

I didn't know it said '55 . . .

Editor-in-Chief, Elchanette '65

MYRNA JOY WEISS

In Nahvi class everyone gathers around Myrna's desk, but the music's "hachutz Moreh." When on a ferris wheel, drop in on our own — Myrna.

גומל נפשו — איש חסד

JESSICA JUDITH WERNICK

Teachers are relieved now that Jessie won't baffle them with her questions. Here's one for her??? Will some one pop the right question?

שואלת כענין ומשיבה כהלכה

Diary

FRESHMAN YEAR

When Charlie Friedman awoke from his morbid stupor one bright morn in September '54, he saw a scene so shocking that he has been in a state of suspended animation ever since. Friedman found twice-forty, farblundszet, frightening, foolish, finicky, female freshmen. We found out later in the year that we were in school illegally —we all failed the entrance exam but were accepted anyway—our daddys are loaded.

It wasn't long before we made ourselves quite at home. Every classroom was considered our private boudoir—teachers keep out! This attitude was a constant source of consternation to Mr. Weinstein, Mr. Hoffman and Rabbi Bernstein. The teachers wised up and called Jimmy to change the lock.

The book business flourished under the loving care of Mr. Horn—fresh air fund. With windows open and pony-tails flying we sat through "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and a first rate manicuring course.

We had a double gym period, Mrs. Green gave us body exercises while Rabbi Berenholz kept us dizzy with thumb exercises.

Madame Feuer and Doctor Jofen have a fiery, furious, French feud as to which class is smarter.

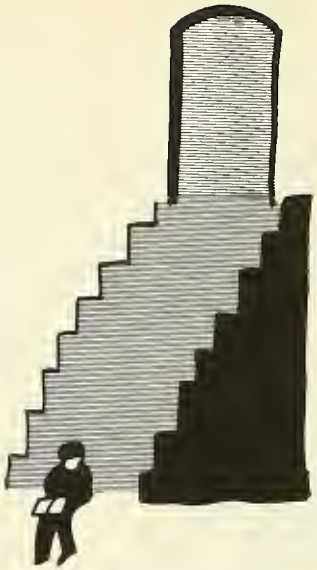
Actually, all we learned were the latest millinery fashions. Wait until our Senior year and Jofen teaches us more.

Wanted! One mouse escaped from Mr. Annenberg's laboratory—found in the "gym" rooming with the beetles...Kallner's fruit flies flew the coop . . . In May we place 3rd in the sing with "Angels to Devils" as our theme. Not much of a start but we were too lovesick to really care. From 9 to 5 we dreamed away while staring at Mr. Bassell's wavy dip, Weinstein's wavy dip and Perlman's . . . Beacon wax, anyone? The bachelor club suffers an irreparable loss when both Rabbi Bernstein and Mr. Bassell chicken out and kick the bucket—weaklings! . . . Mrs. Leiff takes a day off to have a baby . . . Rabbi Perlman thrills all with his style and grace on the tennis court. Who wears short shorts? . . . After eleven nerve-wracking finals we settle down to a summer as C.I.T.'s all over the country—to return the following year as . . .

SOPHOMORE YEAR

. . . Sophomores. Seventy-seven (three wisened up) silly, senseless, shlepy, suffering sophomores. Stocks in cottage cheese industry rise to dizzying

heights—sophomores are dieting. Meanwhile Mike over at the ice-cream counter is making a small fortune, Tsk, tsk! Somebody's cheating! . . . Rabbi Perlman returns refreshed after spending an invigorating summer with the women's section of the Israeli Army. The price of pictures go up enough to cover the cost of "free" matanos . . . Mrs. Jacobson cracks down on the flirty TA freshmen who have the most annoying habit of "peeping through the window shades down" . . . All our little brothers and sisters are kept busy making scribbles for art class . . . The winner is Arlene's spirogyra . . . Mrs. Jacobson expresses her sentiment to the class with a subtle statement upon giving Sara a stack of papers—"Pass out!" . . . Nothing beats the first aid lesson when Sherry got her foot stuck in a desk—"We'll have to cut it off"—Mrs. Greene to the rescue . . . We take music tests in lipstick and blood. They're graded by the weight of the paper. Cleaning bills rise as we practice artificial respiration in the "gym." They wash and wax the floor just for us. Our basement



menagerie grows as a hamster escapes to join the mice, fruit flies, and bugs . . . Flash! Rebellion in the lab, Mr. Annenberg springs one quiz too many and we just sit there! Meeting in Rabbi Friedman's office after school. He's awfully amused, doesn't really know what's going on. Hoffman's running wild with Sheylon questions, says knowledge is the best way to snag a man. Dr. Jofen thinks otherwise. We fool him one day when we cut class and stroll in at 5 minute intervals. But Moreh! We were in the lunchroom and didn't hear the bell and ran up the stairs and fell and needed a bandage and had a headache and fainted and . . . Neither rain nor storm nor sleet nor snow keeps Lilker from getting hooked. Now he doesn't have to do crossword puzzles alone.

Jofen practices what she preaches — it's a girl. Geometry's a cinch. We learn all the angles by studying Mr. Spin's wardrobe . . . Dim, dim, the lights. Perlman wants some atmosphere... Punchy scribbles all over our compositions in bright red ink "See me after class." But why, Moreh? . . . Spring is here and a girl's fancy turns to regents. Whoopee! Central gets a charter . . . Steif's hair gets a little thinner, Weinstein's a little dimmer . . . Another hectic year is over and we all settle down to a summer as J.C.'s all over the country to return the following year as . . .

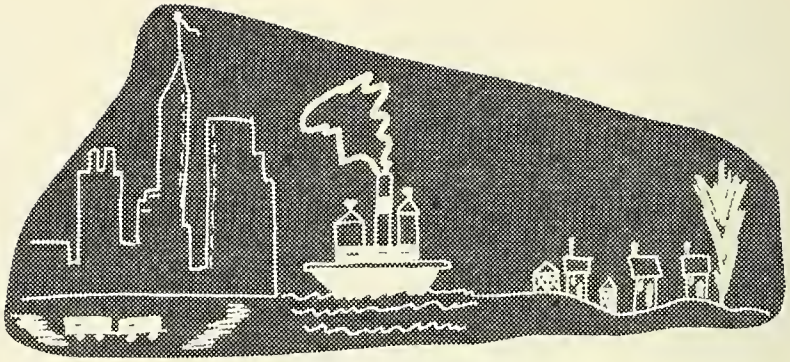
JUNIOR YEAR

. . . Jumpy, jittery, jerky, juvenile, junky, Juniors . . . Jofen teaches "Modern Yiddish." Fun de Bube Lupke's tzaiten . . . oooh! Sheila has an I.D. . . . We get the latest newspapers from Aretz — only they're ancient history now . . ."Yashmeuet Hakolos" — Crash! Bam! Alakazam!! Balloons pop in Perlman's class — What kind of chutzpah is this!?! But how many kinds are there, Moreh? . . . A party a week keeps a blush in the cheek — especially with our Ivris teachers dikduk dance . . . Bassell organizes an underground detective agency — To trap the gangster who cracked the office safe for his little black book . . . In Rabbi Rosenmund's class Gail crawls on the floor to whisper an answer in an oral test . . . We were nice enough to bother and take it . . . Mickey Mouse craze takes over Juniors . . . Lilker guides us and shapes our future.

"What kind of college do you wanna go to? (wink, wink), Stern's or a regular one? What do you mean you don't know? What do you want to be when you grow up? BIGGER?!!". . . Lilker gives us guidance . . . The school program puts us on the second floor for sessions and our program puts

us on the fourth floor for sunbaths. Rabbi Friedman surprises us in a state of epidermic exposure . . . Lilker gives us guidance. Our dramatics course convinces us that we're all Sarah Bernhardts . . . We put on a Variety Nite which brings out the animal instinct in our audience.

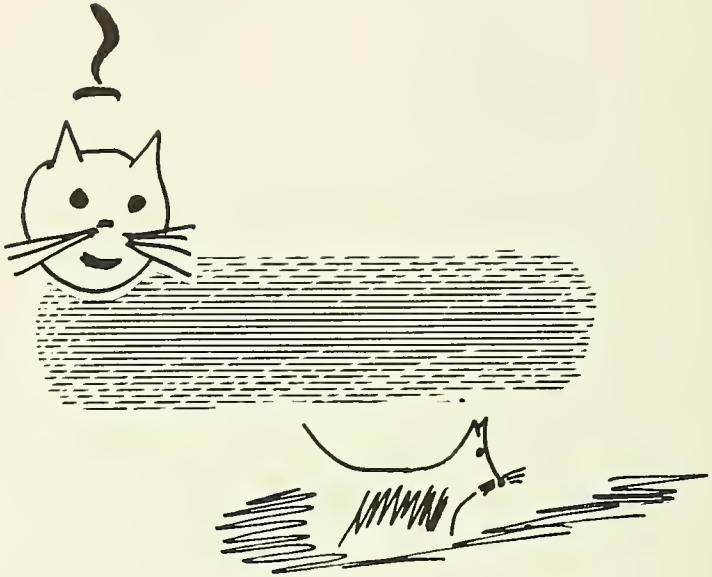
Teachers tell us to study Scholarship over the summer but we have different plans . . . We spread to all parts of the country as counsellors to return as . . .

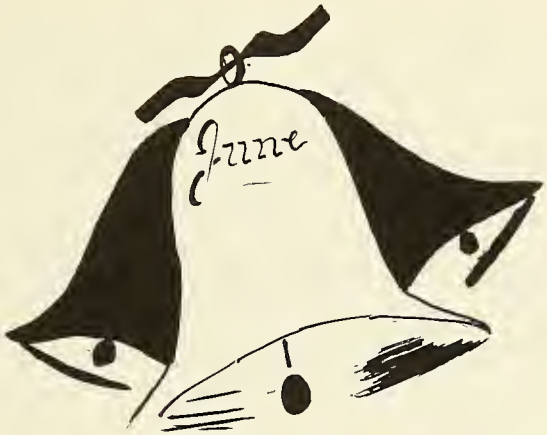


SENIOR YEAR

. . . Sophisticated, superior, sleek, senile, svelte, swell-headed, stupendous Seniors. Dr. Jofen instructs in the act of chicken surgery . . . Scholarship class dominates our seventh term. We keep busy learning little things as: the names of Saturn's rings, Mars' moon, and Baby Face Nelson's dame from Park Slope . . . Little things . . . College boards come and go. Applications pour in for Stern's . . . Lilker gives us guidance . . . A certain teacher contends that a student drives a pencil through his head while stepping on his corns. "But moreh, zeh bachutz!" Yeh-chutzpah . . . A bunch

of woodpeckers . . . Students find that the only way to communicate with our Gemorah teacher is by sending smoke signals . . . Eco teacher loses equilibrium and starts bumping into garbage pails . . . Hadassa announces her engagement. Zvi blew in from the windy city . . . All honorable Arista members got 98 on their Advanced Algebra regent . . . The flu flew, the snow snew, the subway strike strick — movies were mobbed. Berenholtz rocks us to sleep with a wavy thumb. Girl yawning in





the back gets a zero. Zeh maphriah!!!!! One girl sets the record with 23 pages on a Chumash final. She gets 75 for being a little concise . . . "Oh that this too too solid flesh would melt." Hamlet inspires us to go on a diet . . . We welcome 2 gentle English teachers to our staff of wardens. Mr. Glass' inaugural address – "I don't want to threaten you girls, but you're all going to flunk" . . . Gendler becomes very nervous with his wife expecting – he received a report that one out of every four babies born is Chinese . . . We learn from Bassell not to tangle with the desk (who wants to tangle with a desk?) or we'll get squashed by red zeros – Da red pencil strikes again . . . Latest discovery in our library is that books have sprouted pseudopods . . . Punchy says they walk off . . . Lilker gives us guidance . . . Phantom Arista assembly frustrates junior members. Wait 'till next year . . . Hebrew teachers tell us to learn Lishmah – After all, it will show on the test . . . Most recent get-smart-quick method by a scholarship teacher – memorize the book . . . Whadda we, nuts??? We hit the record high with 3 callahs. Half the class comes to school with knitting needles – for sweaters they say . . . Could be . . . A Jewish Ethics teacher has the only sure-fire method for making the girls daven. You'd better daven or you'll get a chosen who's a shmerel.

We suddenly become sentimental and we have Senior Weekend, Senior Breakfast and various Senior "trips". . . It's June and girls begin thinking of things that *must* be put in the yearbook.

And then we realize, we loved it all, all along, for we're goofy, glorious, grand, gone Central Graduates.

ACTIVITIES

where we put our Heritage on a practical plane as we not only talk of it, but live in its ways.

Barbara Baruch, *Co-Editor*, and Rivkah Teitz, *Editor-in-Chief*, become so enthusiastic about an article, that they even stop eating.

Anita Rubin, *Hebrew Editor*, and Naomi Felman, *English Editor*, read it with Ronnie Lippman and Judy Issac taking off from their job as *Activities Editors*, for the job of *Eternal Kibitzers*.

Phyllis Resnikoff, Rebecca Schoen and Sylvia Feldman, *Art Editors*, decide on drawings while . . .

Staff...

Leah Frankel and Barbara Cohen, *Photography Editors,* veto photos.

Ulcers? We also get them.

...Paula Newman and Norma Rosenman, *Business Managers,* happily count money.

Judi Lando, *Typing Editor,* types the article. Anita Brown, also *Typing Editor,* was busy elsewhere. Turn to page 62 to see the results.

WINTER G.O.—*Back Row*: S. Nulman, N. Nussbaum, H. Verschleiser, R. Friedman, R. Taubenblatt, R. Elbinger, E. Damesek, N. Rosenman, H. Stone, R. Stillman, M. Gottlieb. *Row* 2: D. Gelb, M. Gluck, D. Reitman, N. Klass, N. Kaminetsky, M. Gluck, S. Teitz, H. Kuflik, A. Brown, J. Wernick, E. Schroit. *Seated*: A. Rokeach, C. Langner, R. Gellis, L. Schorr

GENERAL ORGANIZATION

Although the General Organization is a school body, it managed to accomplish a lot this year.

President Roz Gellis and Veep Claire Langner organized a number of assemblies, sponsored a Charity Drive, gave out free ice-cream and made the administration more amiable.

Outside of school things were popping too, with a Chagiga, Purim Carnival, two theatre parties and the spirited Senior weekend.

Lillian Schorr as Treasurer and Adelle Rokeach as Secretary kept tabs on the money and notes.

We hope all G.O.'s will follow the examples set by this year's.

SPRING G.O.—*Back Row*: N. Baumol, S. Zelinger, G. Katz, M. Hochberg, R. Schulman, B. Charney, L. Frankel, S. Zwiebel, B. Neuhaus, J. Gottlieb. *Row* 2: H. Fisch, D. Gelb, M. Stern, E. Gewirtz, A. Rubin, I. Englander, J. Minchenberg, H. Goldberg, H. Auerbach, B. Sachs, D. Taub, E. Ridholz. *Front Row — Standing*: G. Cohen. *Seated*: A. Rokeach, C. Langner, Miss Z. Epstein, R. Gellis, L. Schorr. *Standing — Right Side*: E. Cohen

Arista's collecting a small fortune by selling siddurim to delinquent daveners.

It's true in the past years Arista didn't leave its impression on the school, but this year . . .

Actually, under the leadership of Naomi Felman and Ronnie Lippman, the coaching service, leadership of davening and speaking of Hebrew have been intensified.

Of course, we are all honorable women.

ARISTA *Back Row — Left*: R. Israel, A. Rokeach, F. Witztum, C. Baer, D. Chill, L. Schorr, R. Gellis, R. Teitz, H. Stone, B. Forst, R. Taubenblatt. *Front Row*: M. Eichenstein, M. Dominitz, R. Frankel, H. Auerbach, L. Resnikoff, S. Reisman, Mr. Lilker. *Seated*: N. Felman, R. Lippman. *Back Row—Right*: J. Issac, N. Rosenman, S. Golombeck, B. Baruch, P. Newman, M. Koenigsberg. *Row 2 — Right*: T. Schwitzer, H. Fisch, I. Englander, N. Nussbaum. *Front Row—Right*: J. Wernick, E. Horowitz, A. Brafman

THE FLAME

This year has been a busy one for the Flame staff. The new staff's first innovation was a change of name as "The Spark" grew into "The Flame." With this name change, came a new policy. The newspaper became the organ of expression for Centralettes wherein they could laugh at themselves and at the school.

Staff meetings were held during club periods, after school, but most of all on telephones throughout the night.

The most exciting days for members of the staff, were those on which they went to the printer. Anything could happen there; and it usually did.

FLAME *Standing*: M. Dominitz, R. Kaplan, H. Wolf, H. Lustig. *Seated*: P. Newman, C. Baer, H. Auerbach, L. Silver, S. Hirth

ENGLISH DEBATING *Back Row – Standing*: D. Benedict, L. Silver, D. Chill, E. Levenson, R. Gellis, D. Chill. *Front Row – Standing*: D. Gelb, G. Zwiebel, H. Auerbach, B. Baruch, R. Teitz, S. Zwiebel, S. Reisman, F. Witztum, A. Rubin, H. Seigel. *Sitting*: M. Eichenstein

JUNIOR VARSITY DEBATING *Back Row*: C. Pallant, M. Hochberg, S. Teitz, B. Zwebner, B. Beinenstock, H. Verschleiser, S. Gellis, D. Beeber. *Row* 1: M. Fuchs, H. Elstein, G. Katz, C. Cork, J. Klien, D. Reitman, C. Schaefer. *Seated*: F. Witztum

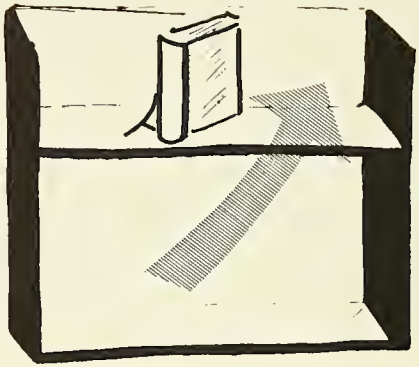
ENGLISH DEBATING

Centralettes talk in classes, on phones and everywhere but the dentist's chair. The only legalized place for these discussions is the Debating Team.

With Miriam Eichenstein as Manager and Abe Gafni coaching, the team has lost only one debate. These were against such formerly formidable opponents as B.T.A., H.I.L.I., Flatbush and M.T.A. Of course our girls have more practice.

Where silence is supposed to reign and knowledge is supreme — Central's library. Every year the amount of books seems to double. Actually, it's being halved for our Hebrew books have a habit of disappearing.

All types of books can be found to supply all the students' needs. Debby Chill, with the aid of Mr. Bassell, R. Pearlman and Mr. Gottesman, made our two cubicles into a storehouse of knowledge.



LIBRARY

LIBRARY *Back Row*: B. Shapiro, F. Weiner, M. Gottlieb, S. Reisman, B. Weiner, D. Chill. *Row 2*: F. Weinstock, B. Beinenstock, P. Rabinowitz, B. Silver, L. Levitan, R. Feldman. *Front Row*: E. Horowitz, M. Cluck, H. Hoenig, D. Keehn, V. Kresch

SERVICE SQUAD *Back Row*: F. Weinstock, G. Katz. *Row 2—Standing*: H. Goldberg, S. Goldstein, R. Friedman, V. Rosenbaum, M. Wachtfogel, B. Gartenberg, N. Baumol, T. Newman, R. King, H. Ellstein. *Seated*: T. Hilsenrad, H. Fish, A. Brafman, L. Frankel, B. Forst

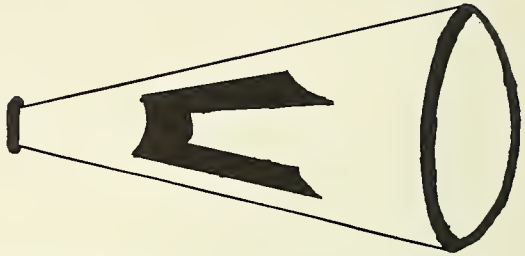
SERVICE SQUAD

If cleanliness is next to godliness, Central's Service Squad should change directions.

Squad members try to keep the school clean, traffic in the halls unsnarled and have up stairs used for up only.

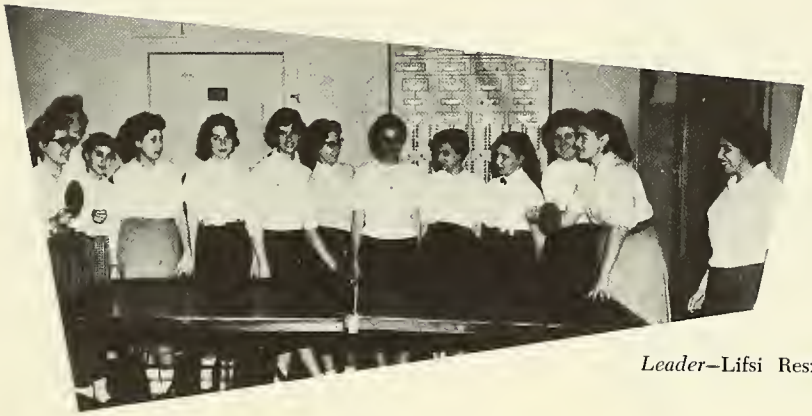
Actually, the squad's on its way up too — on the up stairway, of course.

CHEERING SQUAD



CHEERING SQUAD S. Lipnack, H. Bronstien, T. Dyckman, A. Burstein, T. Rosen, A. Brafman, T. Hilsenrad, S. Shangold, G. Feld. *Center:* S. Rosenbaum, *Leader*

GAME CLUB

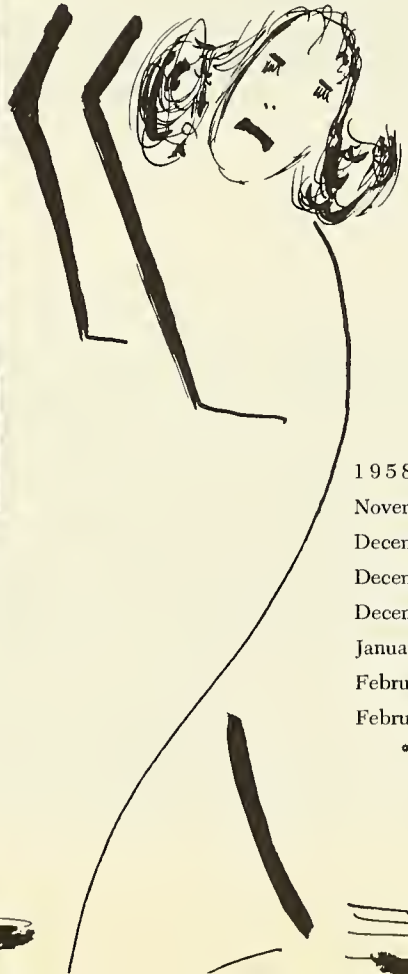


Leader—Lifsi Resnikoff

Our Game Club's aim is to play games. Its members are students who don't want or don't know how to make yamelkas, knit, perform, debate or write articles for the newspaper. The club supplies them with a ping-pong table (no racquets or ball), two checker boards, and one-half of a chess set. For the students who require more invigorating games, there is a deflated basketball and a jump rope. You have to bring your own imagination.

A red and white flash tumbles to the court floor — Central's Basketball Team is on its way! Between Sandy Polonsky, Manager, and the ball, most of the action seems to be on the knees. At every spare second, the cheerers, pictures in blue and white, lead the girls in long, loud encouragement for the team. This helped switch last year's record of 0-8, the other way. YAY, Central!

BASKETBALL *Back Row*: D. Wernick, C. Weissman, R. Teitz, J. Weinstein, R. Golombeck, M. Feld, S. Polonsky. *Sitting*: S. Gold, J. Tisser, B. Shapiro, C. Tisser, E. Lifschitz



BASKETBALL

1958 BASKETBALL TEAM

November 21	Flatbush	36-6
December 3	Lexington	29-18
December 19	Flatbush	29-24
December 23	Flatbush	38-21
January 26	H.I.L.I.	*33-8
February 8	Ramaz	*16-9
February 27	Ramaz	*33-27

*Central Won

Leaders — Debby Gelman and Becky Schoen

Swing your partners, clap your hands, but remember the instructions are given in Hebrew. The Hebrew Dance Club leaders try to orient the members with the basic Hebrew Dances. After members have mastered these fundamentals they are taught modern ones. The best part, of course, is when the girls begin to improvise on their own.

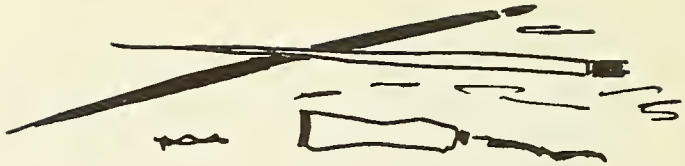
Their annual stamping and prancing at the Chagiga shows their accomplishments on the way to perfection.

HEBREW DANCING

HEBREW CHOIR

HEBREW CHOIR — Kol Yisroel *Leader* — Anita Rubin

Leader — Myra Rabinowitz



Picasso founded the school of cubism, Renoir impressionism and Central's Art Club has founded the school of noisism.

Our Art Club specializes in banging, hammering and scratching away. Members work with copper in making cuff links and bracelets.

Through the Art Club they have been acquainted with the finer things in life . . . such as gluing copper pieces together.

ART CLUB

BENEFIT

BENEFIT — Gemilut Chasodim *Leader* — Anita Brown

YAMELKA

YAMELKA—Head Coverings Associated

Leaders — Beverly Shevlin, Lorraine Schwartz, Sandra Singer

CLASSICAL MUSIC—Tequi . . . Ooops! Beethoven

CHALIEL—Amateur Snake Charmers *Leaders* — Ronnie Lippman, Yospa Senderowitz

CHALIEL

DRAMATICS

DRAMATICS — Ars longa *Leader* — Sherry Reisman

TWIRLING—*Leader*—Myrna Weiss

TWIRLING

SEWING CLUB

SEWING CLUB—*Leaders*—Libby Koenigsberg, Nehama Kaminetsky

OFFICE SQUAD — Pearl Dodek, *Secretary;* Debby Gelman, Anita Brown, *Assistants*

OFFICE SQUAD

CO-OP

CO-OP — Bargain Attic *Head* — Bryna Charney

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

Extracurricular activities take Centralettes' minds off curricular activities and are therefore much appreciated.

Two theatre parties, "Most Happy Fella" and "Brothers Karamazov" were followed by our Chanuka chagiga. This affair held on Chanuka, of all times, was a gastronomical and entertaining success.

Purim Carnival was a mixture of horas, hot dogs and booths under the direction of Ina Englander and Helen Stone.

Yom Hoatzmout was duly celebrated with a Hebrew day, classroom decorations, a Senior Breakfast and impromptu dancing throughout the day.

Two of our most enjoyable activities are the Lag Ba'Omer outing, and the Sing. Competition now begins in March and Senior Day a close contest always follows.

Senior weekend, under Norma Rosenman's direction, showed what spirit our Seniors possess.

But of course the best extracurricular activities are the ones enjoyed after slipping out the side door.

CHUG IVRI

CHUG IVRI—*Leader*—Rebecca Brill

תוך כדי דבור...

„דברנה עברית והיא תהפך בפיכן ללשון חיה" —

השורה האחרונה של המנון „אריסטה" הפכה לסיסמא של תקופה חדשה בחיי בית ספרנו. הפעולות למען החדרת הדבור העברי לתוך שיחותנו היומ־יומיות הוגברו בכל הכוונים.

המתחילות במצוה היו הכתות הגבוהות, גבוהות — תרתי משמע... אמנם, כאשר נודע לכתות אלה שעליהן לבקר בשעור נוסף, התרעמו מתחלה תלמי־דות אחדות ושאלו למה ועל מה הועמס על שכמן עול מיוחד. אולם, משנודע להן כי השעור החדש מוקדש לשיחה עברית מיד התקררה דעתן ואורו עיניהן. לשבחן של התלמידות יש לציין שרובן ככולן השתתפו בשיחות אלה בעירנות ובהתענינות יוצאת מן הכלל. ההצלחה האירה פנים לשעור החדש.

גם החוג של „אריסטה" תחת הנהלתה של נעמי פלמן עזר במדה ניכרת בהגשמת סיסמתנו.

הזדמנות נוספת לשיחה עברית ניתנה לתלמידות במסגרת החוג העברי החדש שהתעורר לפעולה מאומצת בשנה זו. הודות למסירותה של רבקה ברויל הצליח החוג העברי להגביר בלב המשתתפות את החשק להשתמש בשפה העברית בשיחותיהן הפרטיות. נושא השיחות היה על פי רוב מענינא דיומא. שיחות רבות הוקדשו לחדשות מישראל.

ראוי לשבח גם החוג העברי לוכוחים עם נציגי ישיבות אחרות. החוג הזה, תחת הנהלתה של חנה רובין, ערך אחרי הכנות מרובות וכוח מענין עם באי כח בית ספר אחר.

אחרון אחרון חביב, ועד החגים לא רק הוציא עלונים לכבוד כל חג וחג, כי אם דאג גם לקישוט כתלי המוסד במובאות מן התנ"ך, בטוב טעם ודעת.

HEBREW DEBATING

HEBREW DEBATING—*Leader*—Anita Rubin

LITERATURE

is the story of our lives, wherein we are the star characters molding our Heritage as the human hand molds clay.

THE SURVIVOR

by Barbara Baruch

He's the one, the one we've always talked about —the shabby, weary, weather-beaten man with the gleam in his eye—the world citizen.

This man hadn't any home. But we did, so we quickly forgot about the wretched looking creature and lived our own contented lives. Every now and then we heard about him from different parts of the world. We would remember this tattered look, and would also remember the gleam in his eye. It was odd that he hadn't died from constant hunger and cold. But we didn't have too much time to think about him; we had a home.

And then, a few hundred years later a very stately looking figure was seen in our part of the world. He looked very familiar. Then we saw the gleam in his eye and remembered this man. He was that same shabby, weary, weather-beaten man, arrayed in a different garb. He towered above us. We had a home and so did he. This man was a Jew, the Jew who was able to survive through constant torture and abuse. But he always had that gleam in his eye. I suppose he must have been laughing at us all those hundreds of years, when we thought we were destroying him. You see this man knew that his G-d would never desert him. He had his heritage as proof — his Torah, helping him reach his goal — a Jewish home.

Yet destiny surrounded him on all sides by homes of illiterate and poverty stricken masses who still reach out to destroy him.

But he towers over them — he's the Jew.

GRIM FAIRY TALE

by Rivkah Teitz

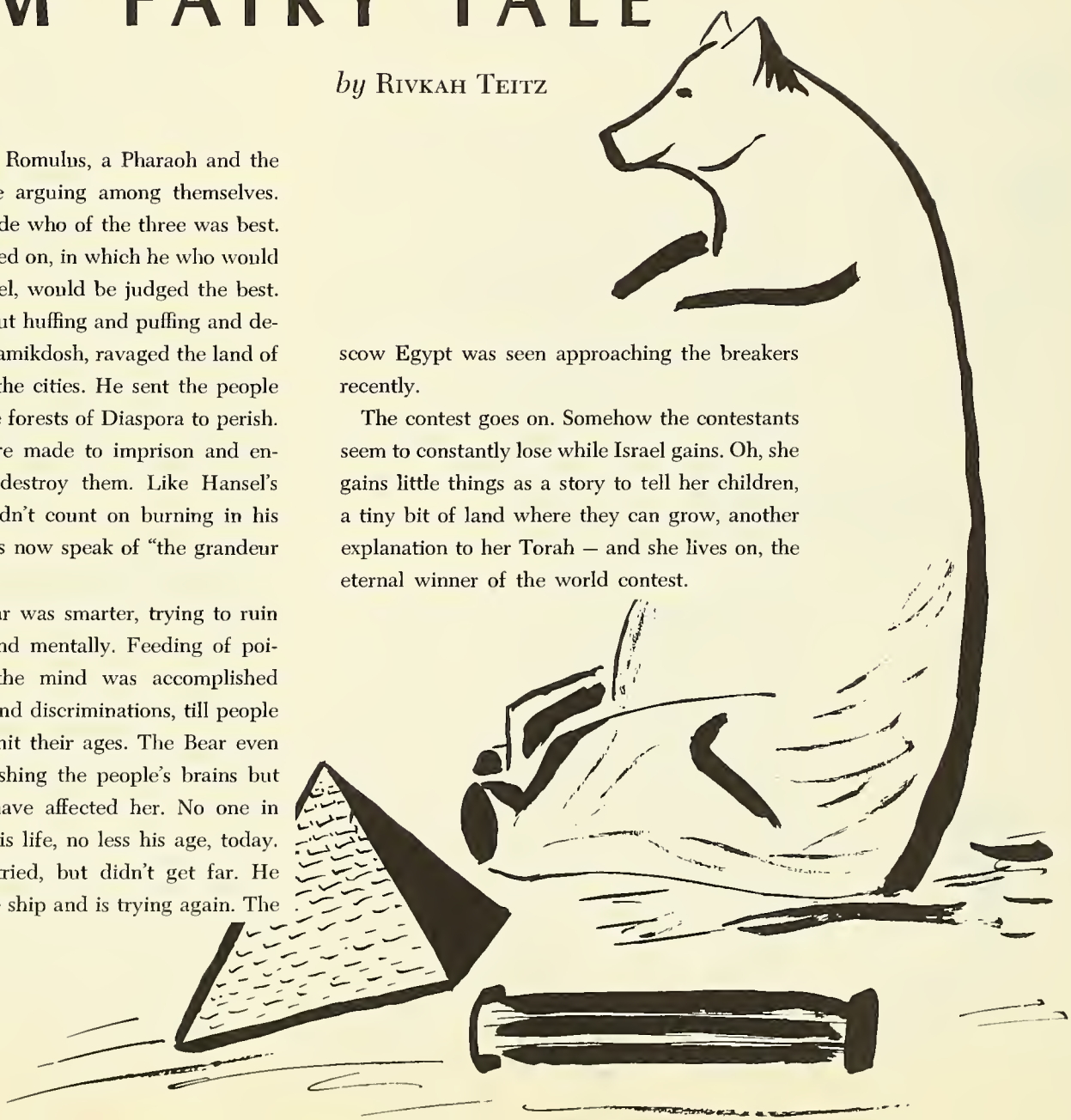
Once upon a time Romulus, a Pharaoh and the Russian Bear were arguing among themselves. They couldn't decide who of the three was best. A contest was agreed on, in which he who would be meanest to Israel, would be judged the best.

Romulus set about huffing and puffing and destroyed the Bais Hamikdosh, ravaged the land of Israel and sacked the cities. He sent the people of the land into the forests of Diaspora to perish. Here attempts were made to imprison and enslave, starve and destroy them. Like Hansel's witch, Romulus didn't count on burning in his own fire. Historians now speak of "the grandeur that was Rome."

The Russian Bear was smarter, trying to ruin Israel physically and mentally. Feeding of poisoned apples to the mind was accomplished through pogroms and discriminations, till people were afraid to admit their ages. The Bear even went so far as washing the people's brains but the poison must have affected her. No one in Russia is sure of his life, no less his age, today.

Small Pharaoh tried, but didn't get far. He hasn't given up the ship and is trying again. The scow Egypt was seen approaching the breakers recently.

The contest goes on. Somehow the contestants seem to constantly lose while Israel gains. Oh, she gains little things as a story to tell her children, a tiny bit of land where they can grow, another explanation to her Torah — and she lives on, the eternal winner of the world contest.



Heritage

by Judy Issac

It is winter in Poland and bitter cold. The stars are twinkling from above the mountains; the trees cast weird shadows on the blanket of snow covering the bed of earth. All is still with the saintly silence of night.

From the distance I hear a faint noise. Who desecrates the silence? As I approach the sound, I realize that it comes from a small house. I look through the window and see a room, poorly furnished, heated by a few logs burning feebly in the hearth. Inside sits a middle-aged man, his head bent over a small table, his fingers caressing the yellowed pages of an old Gemorrah. At his side sits a younger man; together they chant the sweet song of countless centuries, the nigun of the Gemorrah. Only a small candle lights the room yet the room is illuminated with the brilliance of the sun. The father is teaching his son, giving over the knowledge and love for learning that his father had given him. The sun listens, absorbing every precious word. With each word he raises himself higher and higher in spirit; with each thought, new worlds open for him until he approaches the very gates of heaven. His father lovingly obeys the commandment "Thou shalt teach unto thy sons." The joy of being able to transmit G-d's words is seen on his radiant face. His eyes glow, his whole countenance is aflame. Some strange light emanates from him in profusion. The torch of Torah burns brightly within him, likening him unto an angel. Tears of joy trickle down his flaming cheeks. The son does not see it. He is too engrossed with his father's words.

The father turns the page of the Gemorrah. The antiquated Gemorrah is decayed and worn from use. Wise old eyes seek out the barely visible words printed so many years ago. This man received it from his father. Thus it passes on father to son, father to son, generation to generation and still this Gemorrah remains. The beauty and wealth and spirit are imparted to each son and the treasure replenishes itself. For every drop of holiness withdrawn, the treasure increases because its foundations are stronger and more lasting.

I behold this man and this boy learning together with that same book. I am transfixed by the sight. The crumbling pages glow like a bright fire. They burn and strangely, are not consumed. It burns—burns with the holiness of "Ner Mitzvah," and it is this "Ner Mitzvah" which sustains both of them. As long as he burns for the Torah, so long will the "Ner Mitzvah" burn, and so long will there be a Jewish father and a Jewish son existing to carry this flaming torch through eternity.

I must now abandon this place; my presence profanes this sacred ground. I must go. For tonight I have suddenly seen the strength of the endless, golden chain of HERITAGE.

יובל העשור למדינת ישראל

מאת דבורה טאובה

„והיה העשור למאה"...

בחוגגנו את יובל העשור למדינת ישראל כדאי להעיף מבט אחורנית ולסקר בקצרה את עשר שנות קיום המדינה.

ארץ ישראל, למרות היותה צפור נפשו של העם היהודי באשר הוא שם במשך כל הדורות, לא זכתה להיות מדינה רבונית במשך אלפים שנה. רק לפני עשר שנים הפך ה„בית־הלאומי" הרך — פרי טפוחם של שני דורות חדורים רוח חלוציות למדינה יהודית המוכרת, להלכה ולמעשה, על ידי העולם כלו. ההשג הכביר הזה עלה לעמנו בקרבנות עצומים ואיומים. זכר ששת המליונים של הקדושים אשר נרצחו כצאן לטבח יובל ע"י הגרמנים, עורר את הישוב בארץ ישראל לצעד נועז — למלחמת השחרור.

מלחמת השחרור הראתה לעולם כלו כי אכן עוד קים עם ישראל ועוד בוערת בלבו אש הגבורה. בדמים רבים עלה הנצחון. „הצבי ישראל על במותיך חלל איך נפלו גבורים". רבים היו הקרבנות, קרבנות צעירים וחפים מפשע, אולם הם עלו ברצון על מזבח

המולדת. וכך קמה לתחיה מדינת יהודים עצמאית ביום ה' אייר, תש"ח. בתם המלחמה לא זכינו לשלום כי אם להפוגה. אולם הפוגה זו לא היתה הפוגה בבנין הארץ ושכלולה. ישראל התפתחה מיום ליום, דרכי תחבורה שוכללו, בנינים נבנו והארץ החלה לפרח ולשגשג.

עם ישראל לא עוד היה עם נודד ללא ארץ משלו, עם הנתון למרותן ולחסדן של אומות שונות.

מדינת ישראל הפכה למרכז לאומי לעם ישראל וגם בתפוצות, מרכז שממנו שאבו ושואבים יהודים בכל קצוי העולם עוז, מרץ וגאוה על היותם יהודים.

אולם רבים החתחתים בדרכה של המדינה הצעירה. מדי פעם בפעם אורבים השכנים הערבים לבניה־בוניה של ישראל ומתנקשים בנפשם. נדמה כאלו עדין לא רותה האדמה מדם העם, ומוכנה היא עדין לספג את דמם של מיטב בחורי האומה.

עתה, על סף יום העצמאות העשירי, אני תפלה שנזכה כלנו בעזרת ה' לשלום תמידי במזרח הקרוב ובעולם כלו.

ברכותינו ואחולינו שלוחים לרבבות אחינו בארץ ובתפוצות, לראות מהרה בשגשוג ישראל ופריחתה, בקבוץ גלויות ובגאולה שלמה במהרה בימינו ולא עוד יאמר „והיה העשור למאה", אלא:

„והיה העשור לאלפי רבבה".

מזל שמש זורחת...

מאת חנה רובין

נהפך לבה בקרבה,
קדרו פניה ואדמו עיניה מבכי.
עת ילדה קטנה בוכה במסתרים,
נובעות הדמעות מעמקי הנשמה.
ילדה קטנה בוכה, מתיפחת,
והשמש עוד זורחת...

מי יטה אזן לצער הגלמודה?
אולי האילן, שם מעבר לחלון,
ינוע וירשרש רשרוש של תפלה,
וצמרתו תדפק על שערי השמים
ותבקש רחמים על הילדה הגונחת.
ואולי — גם השמש, אם כי היא זורחת.

ילדה קטנה, נוגה, עדינה —
נשבר לבה בקרבה...
נשמתה טסה אל מעבר לחלון,
רגע קט מרחפת על פני פרחי הגן,
רגע קט מרחפת על פני פרחי הגן,
ואחר על כנפי הרוח פורחת
אל נוף בלתי ידוע —
היא פורחת,
מעל לצמרת האילן...
מול שמש זורחת...

תודתנו הלבבית מובעת בזה
לחברתנו היקרה שפרה טייגמן
על מאמרה היפה.
אנו מצטערות שמסבות טכניות לא עלה בידינו
לפרסמו.

מסרת יהודית

מאת **נחמה גלייכר**

מתוך התבוננות בחיים ובחקי הטבע יכול האדם להכיר בנקל את התגלות ה׳ בעולם. הוא מוכרח לראות בסדר ובשלמות את הבצוע של הרצון העליון. אולם, דבר אחד מפריע ומבטל את השלמות, וזהו הרע. הרע היא תוצאה מבחירתו החפשית של האדם ואי יכלתו לשלט על יצרו.

אמנם לכל מחלה יש רפואה. לכך ניתנה לנו התורה הקדושה המרפאת כל מחלה רוחנית ונפשית. המסרת הזאת שנמסרה למשה בסיני היא היא שלוחמת בתקף נגד כחות הרע שמכשילים את האדם. והיא האמצעי היחיד שיוכל להרים את האנושיות ממצבה הירוד — שבו היא נתונה עכשו — ושתחיש את האנושיות בדרכה להשגת השלמות והטוב.

מושג עקרוני במסרת הוא „וחי בהם". התורה מדגישה את קדושת החיים וכהבנתה העמוקה המקיפה את כל חיינו היא דורשת שנרסן את מעשינו ונכוון אותם לתכלית נשגבה. חובה מוטלת עלינו בכל עת לזכר את התכנית האלקית שמורה לנו את הדרך הנכונה והנצחית בחיים. המסרת מכירה שהאדם, אף שנברא בצלם אלקים, הוא יציר חמרי אשר בעפר יסודו. וה׳ לקח את זה בחשבון כביכול כאשר סדר את תכנית חיינו וקדשנו במצוות מעשיות. האדם צריך, לפי המסרת להמחיש הרבה רעיונות מפשטים. הוא זקוק בחייו לסמלים ומעשים. לא על מחשבה ואמונה בלבד יחיו שכני בתי חמר.

ישנם המון אנשים שלועגים ומאשימים את היהודים שאנו אסירי מסרתנו. „אין ליהודי חפש מעשים ורצון עצמאי. הוא אינו יכול לחשב מפני שהוא קשור בחבלי עורון למסרתו". לא כן הדבר ! ! היהודי החרדי הוא יותר חפשי מכל אדם אחר שבעולם מפני שהוא אינו משועבד ליצרו הרע ותאוותיו. היהודי לומד מתוך קיום מצוות למשל ברוהו ולשלט על השטן שמסית אותו ללכת בעקבותיו הטמאים. ה׳ הוציאנו מעבדות לחרות. הוא גאל את בני ישראל מהאמונות הטפלות של מצרים והביאם להר סיני ששם קבלו את התורה — סוד החפש האמתי.

מהנאמר יכולים אנו להסיק מסקנה יסודית וחיונית. התורה היא תורת חיים שעוזרת לאדם להשיג את הערכים הנצחיים ולהתקרב לבוראו.

„משה קבל תורה מסיני ומסרה ליהושע ויהושע לזקנים" — ועד ימינו אנו נמשכה המסרת המצויה עתה בידינו. על היהודי לקיים אותה בצורה המקורית והטהורה, ולמסר את ארח חייו הנצחיים לדור החדש.

דברי פרידה למורים

ארבע שנים ראינוכם במאבקכם. ראינו את ידכם המושטה לעזרה וגם ראינוכם בשעה ששמאלכם היתה דוחה. ראינוכם ברגעי נחת רוח וגם ראינוכם ברגעי אכזבה שגרמנו לכם ביודעים ובלא יודעים.

לא פעם הרגשנו ששאלה אלמת מנצנצת בעיניכם התוהות: „מי מקשיבה? מי מבינה?" ודמעות בלתי נראות עמדו אז בעיניכם מרוב צער ומאמץ. מאידך גיסא, הרגשנו את שמחת לבכם בשעה שהשאלות והתשובות היו משתלבות יפה והייתם רואים ברכה בעבודתכם הנאמנה.

בכל דור ודור עומד המורה על דוכנו, ובכל דור ודור עומדים תלמידים רבים במרים. ולמרות כל הפגעים והמכשולים ממשיך המורה בפעולתו החנוכית.

מאין אותו העוז וארך הרוח באישיותו של המחנך? אין זאת כי אם שליחות קדושה וייעוד נשגב נרות הם לרגלי המורים בכל הדורות. התורה עצורה כאש בוערת בעצמות המורים, ולכן מחזיקים הם מעמד על דוכנם ומורים את הדרך לנוער התועה על פרשת דרכים.

אם גם, לעתים תכופות, גדול הכאב בלבו של המורה —מי ישוה לו ומי יערך לו—עת יקצר ברנה את קצירו שזרע בדמעה.

לא לריק עמלתם, מורינו. תודה וברכה לכם על סף הסיום שהוא מעין קציר. נברככם כלנו בברכה מעין ברכת הקציר העתיקה: יהי ה' עמכם — יישר כחכם להגדיל תורה ולהאדירה.

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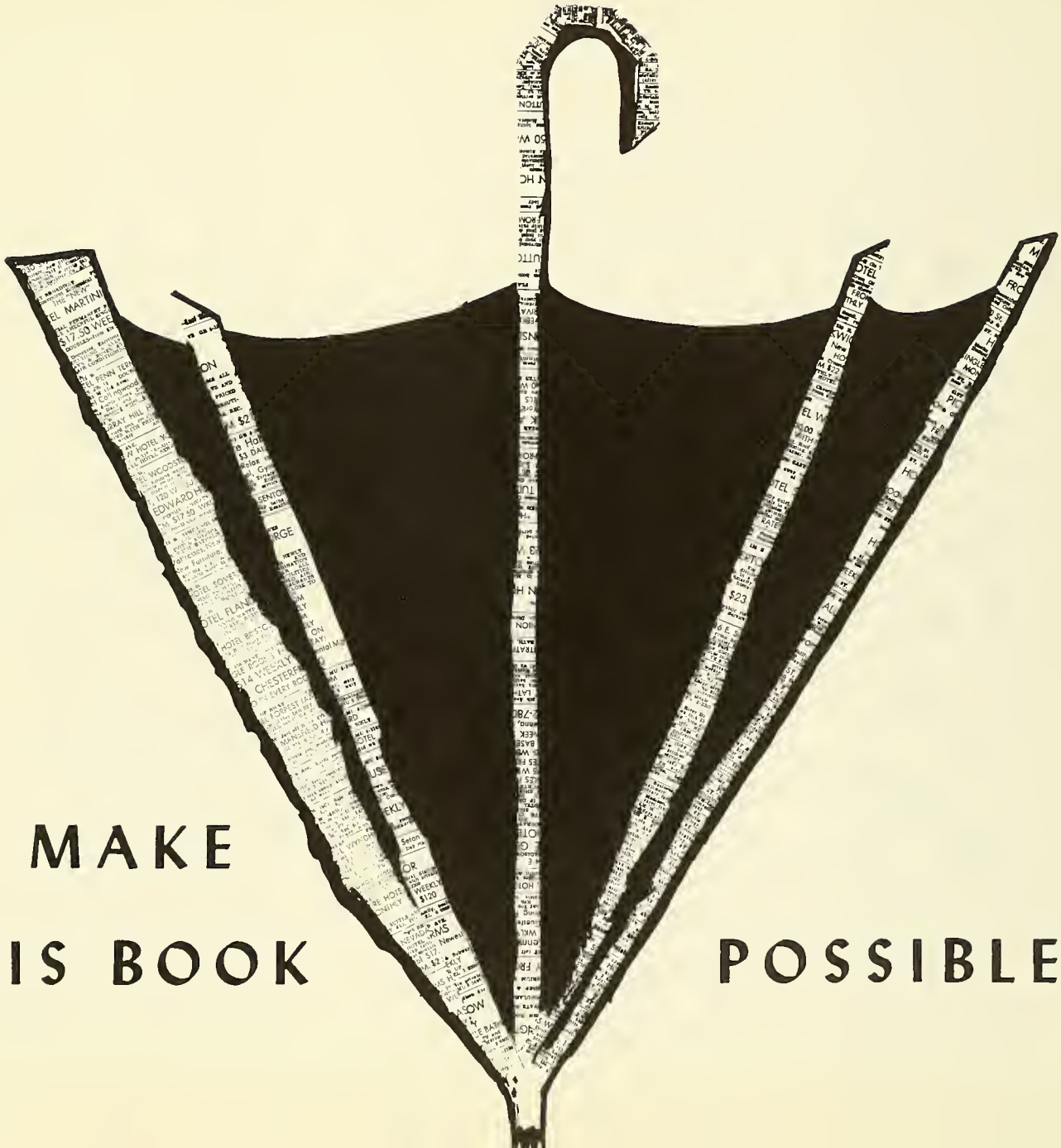

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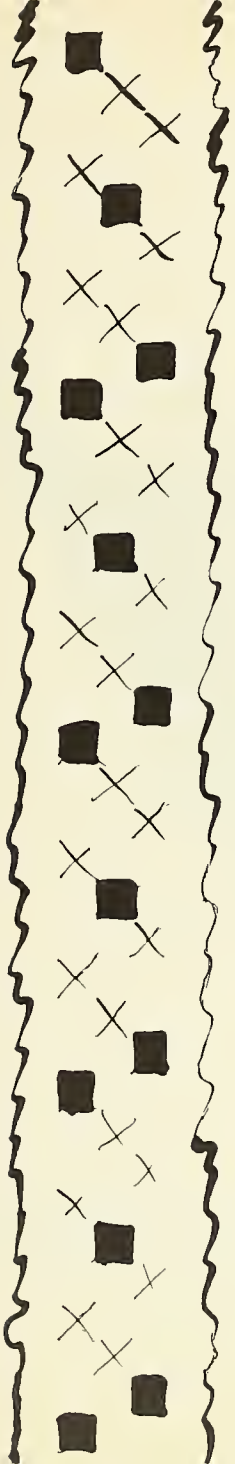

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Aunt Mary

Aunt Leiba

Uncle Ben and Aunt Helen

Uncle Sam

Cousins Sol, Ruth and family

Buba Cinnamon

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Aunt Helen and Uncle Ben

Heshie and Evelyn

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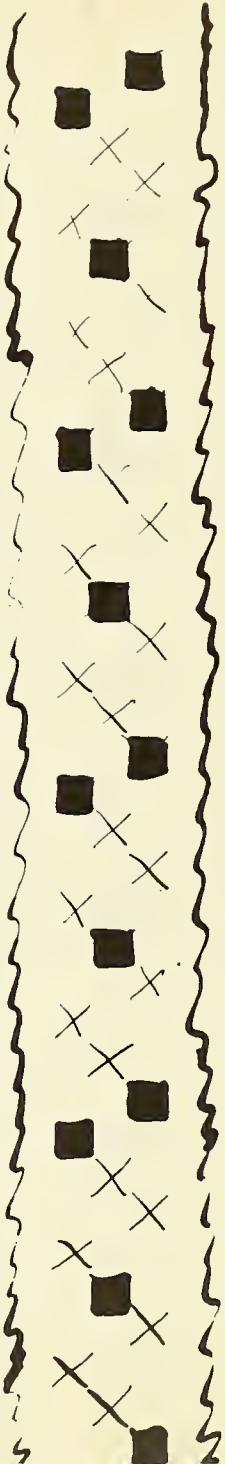

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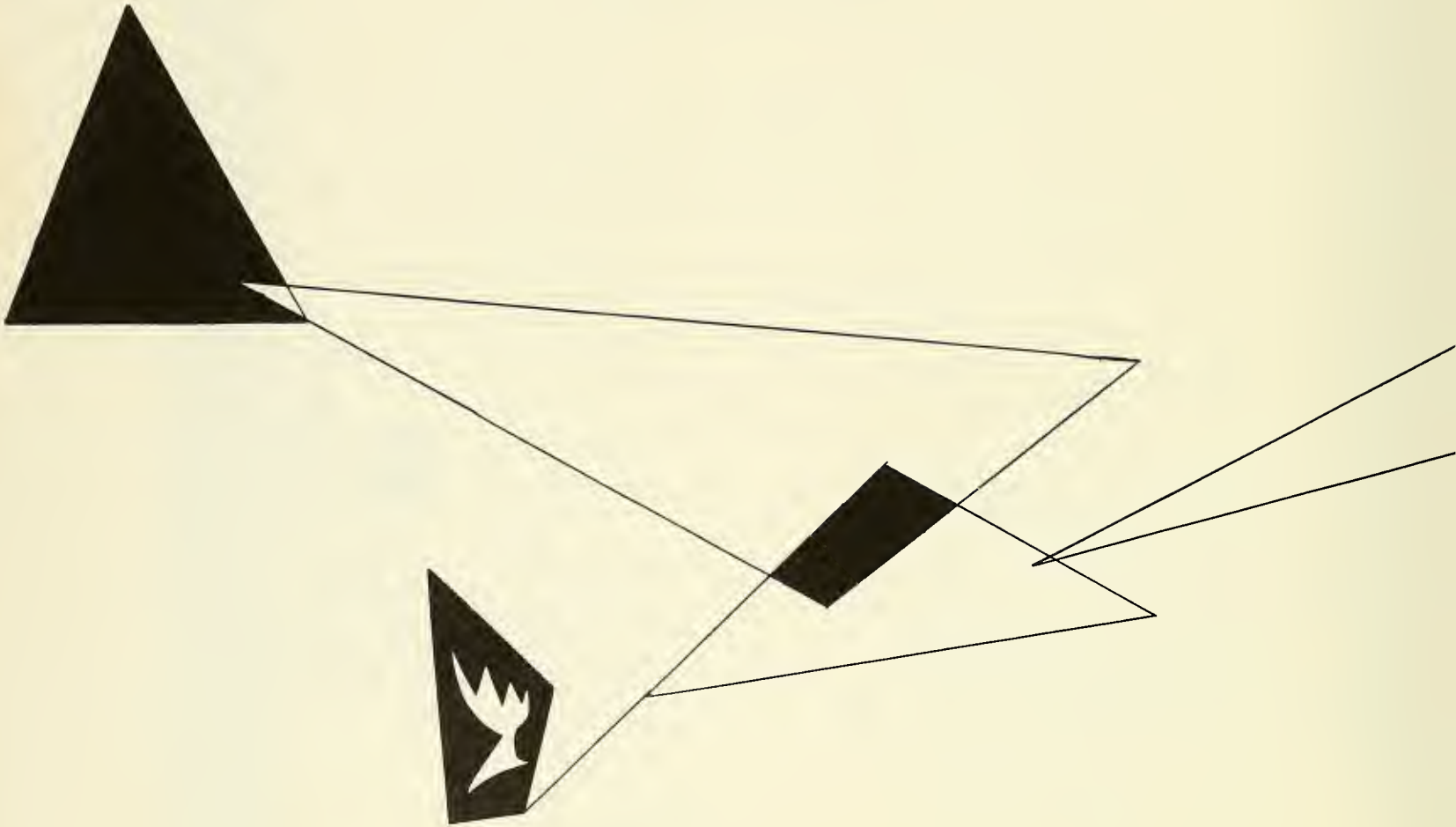

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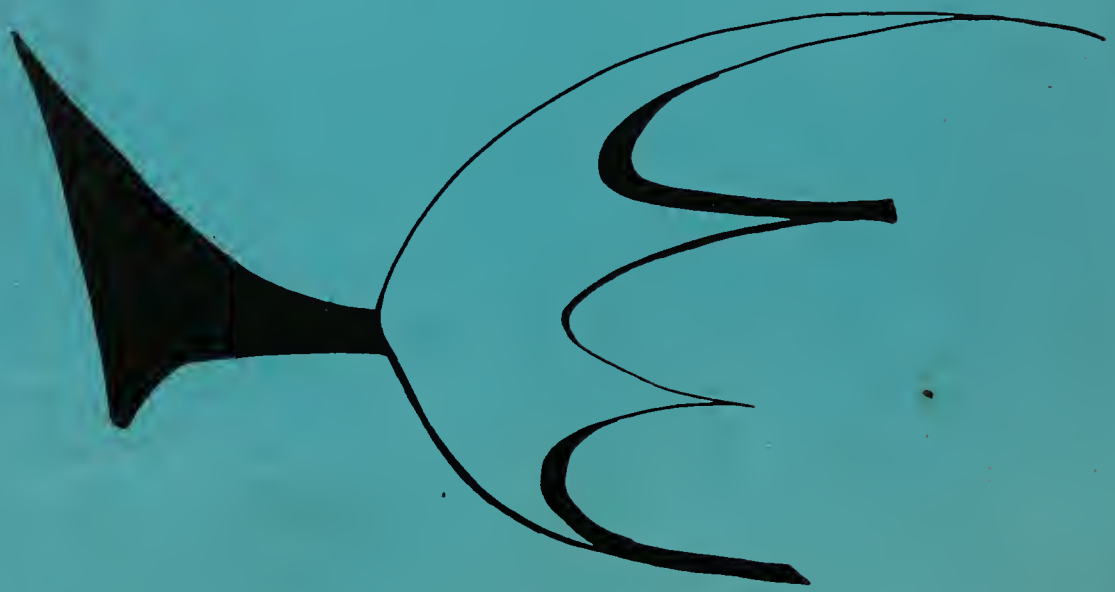
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